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FDD Abstract [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC INFORMATION (19 pp; German; undated)

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This [REDACTED] is in two parts. The first, 16 pages, is entitled "Economic Service", Sample Copy, and contains the following sections:

Introduction -- a half-page explaining that economic developments in the GDR have political implications and should be watched closely.

Soviet Corporations -- five pages giving a fair number of details on the origin of the SAG's, the number of plants included, Soviet methods of evaluating the plants, organization of the plants into twelve holding companies (with special details on the organization of the holding company for the fuels industry), ~~and~~ regional distribution of the plants, and distribution by branch of industry. In addition, the last six pages of the report consist of a presumably complete list of SAG's, with those which have been returned to the Germans listed separately. The list is set up by branch of industry with a breakdown by regional location (Land).

Four pages covering a number of short items: Two Rolling Mills for Structural Steel at the Hennigsdorf Steel and Rolling Mill; Berlin Steel Construction Corporation Builds Bridges for Red Army Engineers; Brandenburg Steel and Rolling Mill Reorganized; Report from the Ministry for Interzonal and Foreign Trade and Materials Supply ~~and~~ (explaining difficulties in interzonal trade and negotiations being undertaken with foreign countries to counteract these difficulties); Illegal Deliveries of Iron and Steel to the Eastern Zone by the Former Thyssen Plant; [the last two items are marked "confidential"]; Establishment of a So-Called GSOW Store for Members of the Red Army in Weimar; Production of a Motor Yacht in Series by the Federation of People-Owned Shipyards; Production of New Models of Automobiles by the IFA Federation of People-Owned Vehicle Plants and by the Former BMW (Bavarian Motor Works) in Eisenach; Shortage of Materials in the Furniture Industry.

The second part of the document, three pages, consists of fragments taken from several different reports, all indicating that workers were being dismissed or furloughed in several East German plants (such as the LOWA Locomotive and Freight Car Factory in Werdau, the Zwickau Machinery Factory, the Horch Plant, the Stralsund People-Owned Shipyard, Foerster and Borries - the largest printing house in Sachsen, the Bismuth Corporation, and the IFA Metals Plant in Leipzig.) The reason in all cases appears to be a shortage of materials.

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